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"I Will Publish the Name of the Lord."

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GOOD CHEER

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone,
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Until in heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on.

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C U T T H E W I R E .

High on a great telephone pole a man was working the other day in an eastern city. In his pocket, with one end sticking out, was a screw-driver. While the line man was busy about his work this screw driver came in contact with the live wire near his body.

Instantly a circuit was established between the workman's body and the deadly feed wire from the electric power house. He began to feel the awful thrill of the current as it entered his body.

Quickly as a flash he reached for a pair of nippers and clipped the live wire which was buzzing him to death. Weak and almost dead the man fell unconscious, but he was saved. A moment more and he would have been gone. Clipping the deadly wire at the last moment saved him.

What is the meaning of that fearful current thwhich is coming into the life of so many of our young men at the present time? We try to tell them they are surely on the wrong road. They laugh, and ask us to show them one place where they do wrong. They do not sin openly. They are bright, active and full of life; but just as surely as they live, something is wrong with their lives.

Between their lives and the mighty power house of sin some little thing has fallen in and make a complete circuit which will sooner or later prove their ruin. It may be that they have fallen under the influence of some bad companion. Perhaps it may be a wicked book or paper has found its way to their room. Some secret fault may have overtaken them. Not always do they realize what the fearful thing is that is connecting them with the deadly wire of sin. It may be only a disposition to stay away from God's house and in company with some man or woman who is "liberal" in his belief about such things.

Whatever the thing may be, it must be cut off, and cut it off quickly, or it will bring the one who fosters it to his death. It will take nerve and prompt action to escape. What shall you do in this hour of peril? Cut the deadly wire! Let no sin however small stand between you and life everlasting. Act now and act as if heaven itself were at stake. That is true.

Realize it and do it quickly or it may be forever too late. --Exchange.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE SPECIAL THANKSGIVING R E V I E W.

Everybody ought to have a part in, as the General Conference Missionary Secretary calls it, "this Thanksgiving Ingathering gale that is sweeping over the denomination." Isn't the inspiration of this movement getting into your bones a little?-- M. E. Ellis.

We are nearing our release forever from the bondage of sin, and just as God permitted the Israelites to take the wealth of the Egyptians, in order that they might have the necessary means to build the sanctuary and carry forward the Lord's work, so God would be pleased for us to gather means from the world around us to carry forward the closing work of this great Message. The God of Israel is not dead, and He who anciently "gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required", will go before His people during our Thanksgiving campaign and give us "such things as we require" to carry the glorious Message forward in the earth.-- S. N. Haskell.

Our publications have gone to the world for many years, and have, no doubt, been the means of carrying the Message to a great number of its adherents--especially to isolated believers. Now in the providence of God a new and exalted opportunity is to be given us during Thanksgiving week-- a large illustrated edition of the REVIEW is to be published and supplied in quantities without cost to all our people for missionary work. This missionary work will be such in the truest and broadest sense of that term--both home and foreign.--W. H. Heckman.

From the inception of the idea of a week of ingathering from those not of our faith for our foreign missions, I have said this kind of work and now to work it is surely of the Lord. Since the very first, it is evident the Lord had led our leaders out in a path we have not trodden before. The first start was made by men who never had thought of its reaching such gigantic proportions. Then followed the getting out a great missionary number of the REVIEW which meant much to us to send this great number all over the world at regular postage pound rates, but the Lord sent us the Gentiles in the form of the Post Office Department which will allow the entire issue of the Thanksgiving Ingathering REVIEW to be mailed at the regular pound rates. This is surely the Lord's work.-- J. M. Rees.

I welcome this new move for the furnishing of the "sinews of war" and liberal support to our Mission Board in sending forth the truth, and its missionaries to the ends of the earth, because I believe God's time has come, and to be in the light is to recognize his call, and act accordingly. The Mission Board has been greatly hindered for lack of means. The calls for help are constantly increasing God has been moving upon young men and women, putting it into their minds to offer themselves to go out into the crying and needy fields, but for lack of means, the Mission Board had, in some instances at least, to smother their missionary zeal by telling them the means were insufficient to send them. This is a sad fact and can but indicate that there is a lack on the part of our people to believe the opening providences of God. May this cease to be the case with us in the immediate future.-- Geo. I. Butler.

Just sixty years ago, November 18th, while bowed before God asking His blessing upon our pioneer paper, the REVIEW, Sister White saw in vision this paper as a stream of light encircling the world. As a foundation to all of our literature, the beginning of this paper was bathed in tears, and blessed through prayer, has borne a message of truth through all these intervening years. Sixty years ago it was sent out free to all who would receive it, and in response, money flowed in to more than defray all expenses. How fitting then, upon the sixtieth anniversary, to again, in faith, send out this pillar of truth free upon a mission of light and love to all who will receive it. Through the Thanksgiving number of the REVIEW, an opportunity will be offered for a most blessed experience to all who, in faith and prayer, avail themselves of it. It means far more than many are able to comprehend.-- Jasper Wayne.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

ECHOES FROM THE SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Brother Munn writes from Perkins: "We have just added eight members to our Sabbath-school and expect to add more in a short time, and you see we have not used any of the Sabbath-school money for the support of the Sabbath-school. We get our papers by taking up special donations for that purpose."

Sister Addie Fenner sends the following from Ewart: "We have no isolated members; have no Home Department. We have for many years practised the plan of sending all the donations to missions and paying our Sabbath-school expenses by separate donations. We have not taken the Quarterly Review yet but have decided to do so next quarter for we all desire to get a thorough knowledge of the lessons."

Mrs. Ida Parliament of West Branch writes: "We take the WORKER and send all donations to missions."

We received the following from Sister Kirby of Eastport: "The Sabbath-school lessons have been so interesting the last quarter and the WORKER is such a help. I have a class of five and would not know what to do without it." She further says, "We did not have the test questions last Sabbath as some were not prepared so we will have them next Sabbath." It is encouraging to note that our Sabbath-schools appreciate the helps given them in the WORKER and test questions. The above secretary also showed that she is alive to the interests of Sabbath-school work by sending in her report third on the list.

The following Sabbath-schools have sent in their reports: Alden, Cleon, Eastport, Escanaba, Ewart, East Jordan, Gladwin, Hebron, Hancock, Iron River, Manistee, Menominee, Mesick, Marquette, Perkins, Rose City, Traverse City, Whittenore, Wilson, West Branch, Rapid River, Scottville, Vogel Center, Greenland, Hardgrove, McMillan, Gladstone, and Nester. The those Sabbath-schools whose names do not appear in the above list we would say, Please send them this week.

Petoskey Sabbath-school took up a special collection last Sabbath for the purpose of getting home supplies thus sending all donations to missions.

In answer to many inquiries being sent in regard to the "Test Questions" I will say that each Sabbath-school teacher looks over the questions of his class and marks them.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NOTES.

The following are the names of those taking the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course: 1. Armilda Bogar, 2. Hazel Bogar, 3. Harold Bogar, 4. Mrs. D. E. Hafford, 5. H. W. Johnson, 6. Mrs. H. W. Johnson, 7. Myrtle Lewis, 8. Alma Hart, 9. Helvig Olson, 10. Edwin Sprague, 11. Edith McClellan, 12. Nora Willaman, 13. Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman, 14. Mrs. R. J. Bellows, 15. Clara Stephens, 16. Carlton Stephens, 17. Archie Friday, 18. Harry Clausen, 19. Anna Ferguson, 20. Clyde Nelson, 21. Hollis Nelson, 22. Mrs. F. M. Covert, 23. Mrs. Joe Hyatt, 24. Clare Evans, 25. Ernest Tarswall, 26. Dortha Tarswall, 27. Mrs. S. D. Chapman, 28. Ada L. Chapman. Brother E. F. Peterson sends the following 11 names from the Upper Peninsula: 29. Alma Olson, 30. Ruth Olson, 31. Jennie Olsen, 32. Mary Hogan, 33. Stella Hogan, 34. Roy Nesbitt, 35. R. W. Coon, 36. Isabella Campbell, 37. Mrs. E. F. Peterson 38. E. F. Peterson.

The list is fast approaching the "hundred mark" and nearly every mail brings names of those who want to join the Circle. This is but another means of arousing the energy that is among us in our 20,000 young people and ministers, church-elders, and school teachers can do no better than to interest themselves in the young people by

getting them to join the Reading Circle. Send the names to 220 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich.

REPORT OF N. MICH., CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Number of schools, 10. The following is a list of the schools and when they began:

1. Petoskey --- Nora Willaman --- Sept. 14.
2. Traverse City --- Jane Sweet --- Sept. 14.
3. Onaway --- John Nicola --- Sept. 14.
4. Omer --- Ella Rasmussen --- Oct. 1.
5. East Jordan --- Ethel Peters --- Oct. 5.
6. Moorestown --- Harriet Hansen --- Sept. 14.
7. Mesick --- Florence Crouch --- Sept. 14.
8. Iron River --- Mabel Spencer --- Sept. 28.
9. Perkins --- Lila Prentice --- Oct. 25.
10. Harris --- Not yet begun.

NMrs. Jennie M. Willaman,
Educational Sec'y.

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P E T O S K E Y S C H O O L .

The North Michigan advanced school, which is situated at Petoskey, has now been in session more than two weeks. I never took charge of a school where the students, from the beginning, had such zeal for self-improvement as this one. At the close of the first day the matriculation papers showed that everyone was a member of the Seventh-day Adventists church, and at this writing there are only two exceptions to this.

In order for God to work in the quickest manner everyone should have an aim in life. The schools of the prophets consisted of students that were consecrated to the work of God; so His schools today should work with that in view.

Brethren Erwin and Bristol are giving the school excellent help in Bible. Miss Nora Willaman and Mrs. Jacobs are also assisting in teaching. By this force of teachers we are prepared to carry all the work to and including the tenth grade.

The school home can accommodate a few more, so let none remain away for fear you will not find accommodations. We trust that each in the conference will exert his influence to make this, your school, just what it should be by sending worthy young people here to be fitted for the great work that lies before them.

L. A. Jacobs.

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P L E D G E S .

I find there are a number of pledges that are unpaid, some on the Copper Country Fund, some on the School Fund, and a few on the \$150,000 Fund. We would be glad if these pledges could be paid, so we ask all who have pledged to any of these funds to send in the money at once so that it can be applied to the object for which it was given.

J. J. Irwin.

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"There is only one word in the gospel to the sinner, and that is, 'Come;' and there is only one word to the church, and that is, 'Go.'"

"He who cannot find heaven on the earth would not be able to find it in the sky."

GRASPING OPPORTUNITIES.

"The essence of faith is to do the right thing at the right time." It is written of the children of Issachar that they "had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do." 1 Chron. 12:32. It was not alone that they knew what Israel ought to have done but they were so alive to the situation but they knew what they ought to be done.

We sometimes fail to discern what ought to be done because we do not understand the times in which we live. Opportunities are constantly arising in which we could do valiant work for the Master if we only knew what to do. Just now a chance is given to the people of God to raise means for the carrying forward of the work, and if all will take hold of the matter energetically a great impetus will be given to the work in the regions beyond. I refer now to the Thanksgiving issue of the REVIEW that will be furnished to us for free distribution. Of course, all are familiar with the plan so I need say nothing about it, only urge that all take hold and make the work a success.

The carrying forward of this plan will accomplish three things. First, we will secure means to open up new missionary stations; second, we will call the attention of the people to the work we are doing, and third, we will receive a great blessing ourselves.

Solicitor's cards will be furnished to all who will take part in the work, so we can carry on the work among strangers as well as among our own friends. I hope

I have seen a copy of the special REVIEW and can say that it is exceptionally fine. Let us grasp this opportunity and make the work a success.

J. J. Irwin.

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THE APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

A little dialogue in a recent number of one of our papers calls to mind another little dialogue along the same line that occurred in southwestern Iowa twenty-five years ago. An intelligent lady began keeping the Sabbath, and somehow she was baptized with a heavy gold ring on her finger. We urged her to lay it aside, but her answer was always, "No; I did not put it there. Mother did it just before she died; and I cannot not take it off."

A little later along in the winter, we invited her to take a trip to visit a family of our people about twenty miles away. The next morning their little girl fastened a brass button to her finger, and came and stood before the sister, looking first at her finger and then at her own. I said, "Why, Mabel, little Adventists do not wear rings." This scared her, and she ran away crying.

Nothing more was said about the matter until the next day going home, when the lady placed her bare hand before me. I saw the ring was gone, and said I was glad. "What made you take it off?" I asked. She said, "Did you not see Mabel looking at my finger?" I said, "No; I did not notice it." She said, "I did, and I was ashamed, and wanted to hide my hand, and that text, 'Abstain from all appearance of evil,' came to me with terrible force."

She never put the ring on again, and died a few years ago a noble witness for for the cause she loved. I hope this may help some one to lay aside such things.

S. M. Jacobs.

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WHAT TO DO WITH THE PETITIONS.

We are anxious that all our people who can do so shall engage in the petition work, and we are anxious that these petitions and the work connected with them should accomplish the most possible good. After they are circulated, it is not our desire that the petitions should be forwarded to us, but that they should be retained by those circulating them until Congress convenes, and then forwarded with brief, appropriate and well-written letter to the Congressmen in the National House of Representatives representing

the respective district in which the petitions have been circulated. We think this a far better plan than to have all the petitions sent to the officers of the Religious Liberty Bureau in Washington, and by them forwarded to these representatives. Legislators like to hear from their constituents. We therefore earnestly request all our brethren and sisters circulating petitions to bear this in mind, and act accordingly. The next session of Congress convenes on Monday, December 7. The petitions can be forwarded then or any time after that date during the session which closes March 4.

W. A. Colcord,
Sec'y Religious Liberty Bureau.

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IN WHICH CLASS ARE YOU?

We are fast nearing the time for united action in giving the world another opportunity to learn of the work of Seventh-day Adventists.

The Thanksgiving number of the REVIEW will soon be ready and two large presses are running day and night on this issue. It has thirty-two pages and everyone has half-tone engravings showing our workers and scenes from all parts of the earth.

This would be an excellent paper to place in every home in the conference and N O W is the time to organize and get ready to work so that systematic work can be done and a large sum of money raised to speed on the work.

In Gideon's day there was a great work to be done but we learn that there were three classes of people to do the work. The first was faint hearted and so were excused, having no part in the conflict. The second was not afraid but could not work without having everything convenient and so they were allowed to return home. The third class had faith in the work to be done and also in the God who had given them the work and thru that small company a great victory was gained.

The Message will go and be finished anyway but we are permitted to have a part in it and each one must decide in which of these three classes they wish to be numbered.

H. W. Johnson.

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SIGNIFICANT NAMES.

Did you ever consider the significance of the names of places connected with the earthly career of Jesus Christ? He was born at Bethlehem, the house of bread. He is the living bread for our souls. He was brought up at Nazareth, the place of shrubs or sprouts. He is a tender shoot out of the stem of Jesse. He agonized at Gethsemane, the oil press. He trod the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with him.

--Dr. John Hall.

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THE WEATHER SIGNAL IS OUT.

A great storm is approaching. It will be universal, and great will be the loss of life.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth." Jer. 25:32. The storm cloud of the nations is gathering on the horizon. The whirlwind of the Lord is soon to go forth. "And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. Zech. 9:14. It will be a terrible storm and the wicked will not escape. "Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked." Jer. 30:23. The righteous are protected. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe." Prov. 18:10.

Get ready. The storm is soon to break in upon us.--Selected.

T O T H E W O R K .

The one work above all others that Seventh-day Adventists are anxious to see succeed is the work of the third angel. That is the work to which they are devoting their lives and all that they have and are. When we read of its success in other lands our hearts rejoice and sometimes we think, "If only I could be there where rich harvests of souls are gathered to the Lord, how earnestly I would work," forgetting that the way in other places is beset with difficulties as well as in our own locality.

Where success attends the message it is always the result of hard work; either on the part of the one who does the reaping or the one who sowed the seed. The promise is that "in due season we shall reap if we faint not." So let us work steadily forward, keeping in view the finishing of the work.

To us, as a conference, has been given the work of carrying this message to all the people in our borders. And this, too, in a generation that is rapidly passing away.

Are we able to do this work? Can it be done with the few members that we have? Yes, we are able; it can be done. Not by spasmodic efforts but by steady, persevering work. What shall we do? Why, dear brethren, there is only one thing to do and that is to go forward, as one man, and carry the work to its triumph.

J. J. Irwin.

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C O P P E R C O U N T R Y .

We left Petoskey Sept. 29th for Houghton where we are now located for the winter. The work is opening up nicely here, but as I view the field I am reminded of Jer. 16:16, "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after that I will send for many hunters and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." We have faith to believe there are precious souls, among the rocks and holes of the hills here, and we hope by God's help to hunt them out, and tell them of the truth for this time.

Our work covers a wide range of territory comprising Hancock, Houghton, Calumet, and Laurium, all cities of good size, also some of the mining settlements adjoining each city. We are present holding one evening meeting a week at the Florida settlement in Laurium with a small interest. Mining is the principal occupation here, and as the men work day and night shifts, alternating each week, it is a problem to get a regular attendance, but we are pressing on in faith. We held the first Sabbath-school at the above location Sabbath Oct. 17th with an attendance of sixteen. There are some three or four Sabbath keepers in that vicinity, and they, with some attending our evening meetings, make up the number.

The balance of our time is taken up in giving Bible readings, visiting the people, selling books and meeting with the company at Hancock. We have been granted the use of a Finnish chapel in the Frenchtown settlement with no expense but fuel and lights, so we expect to open a series of meetings there Monday, Oct. 26th.

Surely the Lord is opening up the way before us, and we are endeavoring to by His help to see the opportunities as they present themselves.

E. F. Peterson.

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Thompson, - Abner John Thompson, the infant child of Archie and Lela Thompson son, while on the way from Washington to Oraway, died on the train just before entering Minneapolis, October 22d. The parents stopped off for a few hours to make the necessary arrangements and then continued their journey, reaching Oraway the afternoon of the 23d. The funeral service was conducted by the writer Oct. 25th.

J. J. Irwin.

HAVE YOU TAKEN IT ?

M. Armilda Bogar and Clara Stephens both passed the examination for the Standard of Attainment and will receive their certificates from the General Conference Dept. of Young People's Work in a few days.

We are glad to know that our young people are getting a "purpose in life" and that purpose is to receive a training to carry this message to the ends of the earth. One important part of the training is to have a knowledge of the Bible doctrines; also our denominational history.

Cannot more of our church elders send to the secretary for a set of examination questions and call the young people together and hold an examination. They send the papers to the secretary where they will be looked over and the names of those who have passed, sent to the General Conference Dept. of Young People's Work.

A great work is to be done by the young people of this denomination and this is a means of training that will fit them for it. If there is a Seventh-day Adventist young person who cannot pass this examination then they should be encouraged to do more thorough work in the study of the Sabbath-school lessons. The quarterly tests will help in this, and a systematic course in reading will strengthen them in denominational history.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

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NEWS AND NOTES

The International Publishing Association of College View, Neb., are having a special sale of foreign books and tracts. A list of the same will be furnished by the N. Mich. Tract Society on request. Now is the time to invest in literature for your foreign neighbor.

Brother E. A. BiBristol met with the Pellston company Friday evening, Oct. 24th.

Brother R. J. Bellows and family have located at Perkins. His address will be Friday Station, via Perkins.

The little company at Moorestown have donated a car of lumber for the erection of the office building in Petoskey.

Elder J. J. Irwin and Brother H. W. Johnson met with the Onaway Church Sabbath the 24th. The Onaway church are planning to use 1000 copies of the special REVIEW during Thanksgiving week. Surely this ought to bring some good results.

The following students are attending the Petoskey advanced school: Armilda Bogar, Clara Stephens, Carlton Stephens, Dora Hafford, Grace Crouch, ~~Emma~~ Emma, Rasmussen, Lila Gray, Irene Dingman, Elmo Kirby, Francis Baurain, Miranda House, Archie Friday, Harry Clausen and Helvig Olson. Other students are expected a little later.

It is being planned to issue a Foreign Mission number of the CHRISTLICHER Hausgrund for Thanksgiving week, containing articles and illustrations the same as will appear in the special number of the REVIEW. These papers will be furnished free to all who will use them judiciously in soliciting contributions to our foreign mission work. This will afford an excellent opportunity of working among our German friends and neighbors in presenting the needs of the foreign work.

"God misses any voice that is silent in the music of earth that rises up to him, and are there not many voices that are silent, taking no part in the song, the praise, or the prayer meeting?"